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TO: Interested Parties -- Commercial Availability Reviews

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SUBJECT: Commercial Availability Review on Apparel of--
Certain Polyester Lining Fabric (Investigation No. 332-458-011)
Certain Cotton Twill Fabric (Investigation No. 332-458-012)
Certain Fancy Polyester/Rayon Blend Fabric (Investigation No.
332-458-013)
Certain Fancy Polyester Fabric (Investigation No. 332-458-014)

The U.S. International Trade Commission has initiated 4 reviews to provide advice concerning four petitions filed under the "commercial availability" provision of the United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA) on apparel of certain woven fabrics. Each petition alleges that the specified fabrics cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. Specifications for each fabric may be found on the website of the U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Textiles and Apparel, at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov/scripts/ca.exe/two>

The petitions were filed on behalf of Fishman & Tobin, by Sharretts, Paley, Carter & Blauvelt, P.C., and received by the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) on August 3, 2004. Fishman & Tobin is a designer, producer, and importer of children's clothing, and its headquarters are in Conshohocken, PA.

The Commission will conduct separate reviews for each of the four petitions and provide advice in the reviews for each fabric identified in the petitions under its investigation No. 332-458, *Commercial Availability of Apparel Inputs (2004): Effect of Providing Preferential Treatment to Apparel Imported from Sub-Saharan African, Caribbean Basin, and Andean Countries*, instituted at the request of the United States Trade Representative (USTR). The advice concerns the probable economic effect on U.S. producers, workers, and consumers of granting duty-free and quota-free treatment to apparel made in eligible countries from the specified fabrics, regardless of the source of the fabrics, should CITA determine that the fabrics cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. The Commission will submit its advice to USTR in classified reports by September 14, 2004, and issue a public version of these reports soon thereafter.

The Commission invites interested parties to submit written statements (original and 3 copies) concerning issues to be addressed by the Commission in this review by August 27, 2004. Information on procedures for submitting written statements to the Commission can be found in its notice of investigation, which was published in the *Federal Register* of February 9, 2004 (69 F.R. 6003) and posted on its website at <http://www.usitc.gov/invfrn.htm#332>.

Information on the review for the cotton twill fabric petition can be obtained from Laura Rodriguez (202-205-3499); laura.rodriquez@usitc.gov. Information on the other three petitions can be obtained from Robert Wallace (202-205-3458); robert.wallace@usitc.gov. Information on the commercial availability investigation of the Commission can be obtained from its Program Manager (see above) and from its website at www.usitc.gov/332s/shortsup/shortsupintro.htm. Information on commercial availability requests is also available from the U.S. Department of Commerce, which chairs CITA, on the website of its Office of Textiles and Apparel at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov/CA.htm>